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MINISTRY OF CULTURE ORGANIZES NATIONAL INSTITUTES;
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FORMS NATIONAL DRAMA, ART, AND MUSIC INSTITUTES -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 6 Apr 50

Peiping, 5 April (Hsin-hua) -- The Ministry of Culture of the Central People's government has organized the Chung-yang (Central) Institute of Drama, the Chung-yang Institute of Art, and the Chung-yang Institute of Music in Peiping and Tientsin.

The Chung-yang Institute of Art, established in Peiping on 1 April 1950, represents a merger of the former National Arts School and the art section of Peiping University. The president of the institute is Professor Hsu Pei-hung (Ueda: 3141, 3335, 14446).

The Chung-yang Institute of Drama, established in Peiping on 2 April 1950, represents a merger of the third section of the North China University (which included the Yen-an Lu-hsun Arts College, Literature and Arts School of the North China Associated Universities, and the Arts College of the Pei-fang University), and the former Nanking National Drama School. The president of the Institute of Drama is Ou-yang Yu-ch'ien (5614, 12876, 126, 389), and the vice presidents are Ts'ao Yu (4658, 8173) and Chang K'eng (3065, 2936).

The Chung-yang Institute of Music established in Tientsin, is a merger of the music section of the North China University, the former Nanking National Music Institute, and the Music School of the Peiping Art Institute. The president is Ma Ssu-t'sung (13680, 3239, 9326) and the vice president Lu Chi (1222, 13867). The former Shanghai National Institute of Music is now a branch of the Chung-yang Institute.

REGULATIONS PROVIDE GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 29 Apr 50

Canton -- All private schools in Canton have been notified that they are subject to the following regulations which were published 3 April 1950.

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1. These regulations are officially adopted to standardize all private middle and primary schools in this city, including vocational schools, so as to foster education based on the principles of the New Democracy.
2. Private schools that have not registered since the liberation of Canton should apply to the Educational Bureau of the municipal government for registration. Newly organized schools may not admit students before registration. Schools may not suspend operations without official approval.
3. Private schools that agree to observe the regulations and have a good record for carrying out the government's policies, are entitled to receive government encouragement and awards.
4. In case there is evidence that the actions of any private school reveal insincerity with regard to its agreement, or countenance antirevolutionary activities, the government, after considering the circumstances and the gravity of the offense, may cancel the registration of the school, order it reorganization in conformity with the regulations, or compel it to close.
5. In any private school, if the principal engaged by the board of directors and the staff members appointed by the principal, are unable to carry out the government's educational policy, improperly discharge their responsibilities, or are guilty of antirevolutionary behavior, the government may order the directors to engage a different principal, or may directly appoint a new principal, or may order the principal to change members of his staff.
6. Before entering upon their duties, the principal and proctor of a private school must be approved by the government. The appointment of the chief of the administrative staff, teachers and other staff members, or changes in the staff, must be reported to the municipal educational bureau for approval.
7. A private school must adopt the principle of democratic centralization, in the management of school affairs, through a School Affairs Committee which operates under the leadership of the principal, and which is composed of representatives of the teaching and administrative staff and of the student body.
8. A private school must employ the same system of study, courses of study, textbook material, and system of instruction as government schools; such matters are to be determined by the People's government. Should it be deemed desirable to add any new course, or to dispense with any heretofore prescribed course, the proposed change must be reported to the government for approval before putting it into effect.
9. A private school shall not include religious courses in the curriculum; it shall not compel, coerce, or try to induce students or staff members to participate in religious ceremonies, or interfere with the religious freedom of the students or teachers.
10. A private school, in determining its tuition, dormitory, and other fees, should give due regard not only to the needs of the school but also to the difficulties and financial abilities of the students. The amounts and arrangements for payment shall be determined jointly by representatives of the faculty, students, and students' parents. Students (dormitory residents) must pay their fees regularly, and shall not fail to pay without good reason. A portion of the school funds should be set apart to provide free or reduced-fee scholarships for poor students, particularly the sons or daughters of workers and peasants, and /as a sinking fund/ for needed new or replacement school facilities. The school finances must be absolutely open for inspection by a committee composed of representatives of the staff and of the student body which shall examine and report on the school budget and make financial statements at regular intervals. At the end of each term, financial reports shall be made to the government.

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11. The school buildings, installations, instruction apparatus, books, charts, etc., of a private school are to be regarded as the property of the school. No individual may claim personal possession of any of said property and make unauthorized disposition of same. The school income shall not be diverted for any purpose other than for the regular school expenses. School real estate may not be transferred without the approval of the government. If and when a private school has been granted permission to suspend operations, it is illegal for the board of directors of the school to make any disposition of the school property without the approval of the government.

12. Every private middle and primary school in the city, including vocational schools, shall be conducted under the direct guidance of the municipal educational bureau. Besides rendering to the bureau a report on its work every 2 months, the school shall make term reports as follows:

a. Within one-half month of the close of each term, it shall make a general report on the work of the term and on its plan for admission of students for the succeeding term.

b. Within one month after the beginning of each term, it shall render a report in tabular form on the financial budget and work for the term, and data as to the number of faculty members, other staff employees, and classifications of students.

13. These regulations shall go into effect on the day of publication.

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